

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (24)

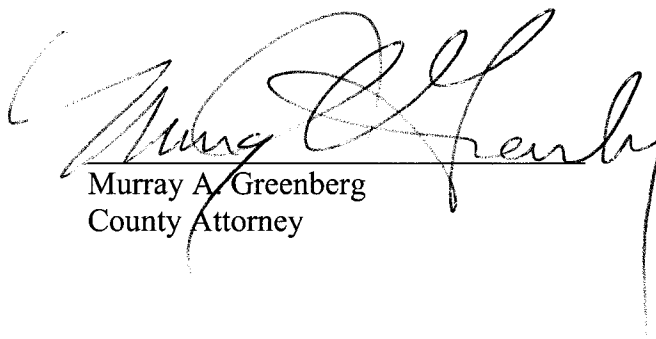
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Florida legislature to grant
\$3.5 million in matching funds
to Partnership for Recovery,
Inc. for roof repairs to homes
of low-income residents

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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5-9-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
GRANT \$3.5 MILLION IN MATCHING FUNDS TO THE
PARTNERSHIP FOR RECOVERY, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR
ROOF REPAIRS TO HOMES OF LOW-INCOME MIAMI-
DADE RESIDENTS THAT STILL HAVE FEMA-ISSUED
BLUE ROOFS AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE WILMA

WHEREAS, for most South Floridians, Hurricane Wilma forced a frustrating fortnight without electricity, accompanied by unanticipated expenses and great inconvenience; but for many of Miami-Dade County's poorest residents, Hurricane Wilma dealt a far more severe and enduring punishment, taking everything – their homes, their belongings, and their ability to provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 16,784 homes with FEMA issued blue tarps in Miami-Dade County, and many of these residents simply cannot repair their roofs because they either cannot afford their deductible or simply lacked insurance; and

WHEREAS, as the 2006 hurricane season is less than three months away, providing assistance to these individuals is urgent; roofs not repaired before then will fall prey to heavy rain and winds, possibly causing residents to lose everything; and

WHEREAS, the *Partnership for Recovery, Inc.*, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of corporate and community leaders was created to assist low-income residents who are still recovering from Hurricane Wilma to immediately address the basic needs of Miami-Dade's most severely impacted and neediest families by targeting homes with "Blue Roofs"; and

WHEREAS, the \$3.5 million in aid to the *Partnership for Recovery* sought from the Florida Legislature will be matched 50/50 with funds contributed by the private sector and local community leaders, and one hundred percent of the funding raised will be used for the “No Blue Roofs” recovery effort without any funding for staff or administrative fees; and

WHEREAS, removing the Blue Roofs will not only tremendously benefit the homeowner and provide safety for their families in the event of another hurricane, but will benefit the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, unrepaired Blue Roofs can have a negative impact on tourism and individual’s relocating to South Florida, as 31 million passengers fly into Miami International Airport annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT THE BOARD:

Section 1. Hereby urges the Florida Legislature to approve a grant of \$3.5 million to the Partnership for Recovery, Inc. to be used to assist low-income Miami-Dade residents that still have roof damage as a result of Hurricane Wilma.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006 State Legislative Package as a top priority.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Cynthia Johnson-Stacks

